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From: Diana Henriouille
To: All Interested Parties

Subject: Draft Shasta River TMDL Implementation Workplan for Public Review and Comment

On June 29, 2006, the Regional Water Board adopted the Shasta River TMDL, on November 15, 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted the TMDL, and on January 26, 2007, the USEPA approved the Shasta River TMDL. Staff developed and presented a preliminary draft implementation workplan at the Board's November 29, 2006 meeting. Following minor revisions based on internal input, we are hereby circulating the revised draft workplan for public review and comment. The draft workplan is also posted on our website at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/programs/tmdl/shasta/shasta.html>

The workplan presents the TMDL implementation actions required in the adopted TMDL implementation plan. Columns 1 through 3 show the various pollutant sources or land use activities identified in the TMDL as contributing to water quality and beneficial use impairments in the Shasta River; the entities responsible for controlling pollutant discharges from these sources/activities; and the required actions under the TMDL to address the impairments. This information is copied verbatim from the adopted TMDL, and is not subject to modifications at this time. We recommend that if you are identified as a responsible party for any source or land use activity listed, you review the required actions presented in the workplan.

Column 4 of the workplan presents Regional Water Board staff's proposed tasks and schedule for ensuring timely TMDL implementation and compliance. For most of the required actions, staff will begin by working with various agencies and entities that are already active in the watershed, as appropriate, to identify efforts that are already underway in the watershed that are relevant to our requirements and needs. Ultimately, staff will identify issues and/or discharges that are not covered by existing programs or the conditional waiver, when adopted, and will determine and recommend to the Board appropriate action(s) and timeline(s) to address those discharges and to ensure that activities and discharges in the watershed are in compliance with the Non Point Source Implementation Policy, the TMDL, and the Basin Plan.

At this time, we are seeking public input on the short, medium, and long term implementation strategy presented in Column 4 of the draft workplan. Please provide any comments or suggestions on the draft workplan in writing to Diana Henriouille, either by U.S. mail or by email (dhenriouille-henry@waterboards.ca.gov) by no later than June 23, 2007. Staff will discuss comments and any proposed changes with the Board at an upcoming Board meeting, and the final workplan will be posted on our website shortly thereafter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at (707)576-2350 or by email at the address shown above.

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